



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **REDI TLHABI HOSTS A NEW PROGRAMME ON SABC NEWS**

**Johannesburg, Wednesday, 03 October 2018** – The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) is delighted to announce that Redi Tlhabi is joining SABC News. Tlhabi is set to host a new Current Affairs show named *Unfiltered*, launching on Sunday, 07 October 2018 at 20:30, on the SABC News Channel and SABC 3. This is part of SABC's efforts to attract top talent to enhance and strengthen audience experience, in line with its turnaround plan.

Tlhabi, who is no stranger to the SABC, brings immense experience and knowledge in the television news domain, including working with international broadcasting platforms such as Aljazeera and BBC World News. She is a distinguished broadcast journalist, columnist and author.

The new weekly show, *Unfiltered*, will boldly tackle the broad spectrum of issues affecting South Africans, including crime, corruption, education, politics as well as community and social issues.

In making the announcement, Phathiswa Magopeni, Group Executive for News and Current Affairs division says, "SABC News is taking an unrestrained, courageous and forthright approach to discussing tough issues facing South African citizens daily. Redi is a dynamic and versatile journalist who fits the profile of the show and our editorial character very well. We are happy to welcome her back as part of the SABC News team".

Talking about her move, Tlhabi says, "I have always responded positively to conversations that help us confront the ills of our society and affirm our quest for justice, democracy and accountability. It is with that vision that I begin this new chapter with the SABC".

Tlhabi holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications, an Honours degree in English Literature and is currently reading for a Master's degree in gender and politics.

The new current affairs show seeks to communicate and strengthen the Independence and Impartiality of SABC News, and ensure that the public news service delivers on its mandate.

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